

Claim 4 (amended). The method as claimed in any of claims 1 or 2, wherein the percentage fraction of the area coated with the hot-melt adhesive composition is between 30% and 99%, preferably from 40% to 95%, with particular preference from 50% to 92%.

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Claim 5 (amended). The method as claimed in any of claims 1 or 2, wherein the film of the hot-melt pressure sensitive adhesive composition is extended beyond its yield point by tensile and shear forces which are proportional to the difference in speed between the film of the hot-melt pressure sensitive adhesive composition and the backing material or transfer means, and tears, so that the film formed from the hot-melt adhesive composition has voids.

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed to conform the claims to conventional format.

Favorable action is respectfully solicited.

ADDITIONAL FEE

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